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Lincoln D. Chafee
Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER

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GOVERNOR'S TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY INITIATIVE

WHEREAS, the people of Rhode Island deserve more and better information about the operation and management of their government; and

WHEREAS, the State continues to make information easily accessible for constituents to learn more about and to engage more in state government; and

WHEREAS, we continue to seek excellence and proper stewardship of public dollars by asking state agencies to establish measurable goals to ensure effective operation and management; and

WHEREAS, in order to achieve these goals, I am establishing the Transparency and Accountability Initiative (the "Initiative") to provide a dynamic framework that increases the amount of information available for public review, greatly improves the quality of public information, and ensures the accountability of public servants for achieving the goals of transparency and timely disclosure; and

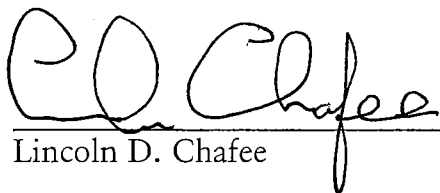
WHEREAS, the Initiative will endeavor to increase the public's awareness of the important services that state government provides and hold state government accountable for progress in achieving its stated goals by expanding the amount of state government information that is available online, improving the search functions for online governmental information, establishing goals to measure the State's progress toward achieving results related to the Initiative, and monitoring that progress.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LINCOLN D. CHAFEE, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, hereby order the following:

1. In order to support the Initiative's mission to expand the information about state government that is available online, state agencies will collaborate to post a greater breadth of information online and make such information easier to find, including, but not limited to:
 - Financial Reports
 - Audits
 - Permits
 - Regulations
 - Forms
 - Performance Measures
 - Contracts
 - Grants
2. In order to support the Initiative's mission to improve the ability to search online information about state government, the Division of Information Technology and the Office of Digital Excellence, working in conjunction with state agencies on a rolling basis, will:
 - Design and Implement a Central Online Portal to Facilitate Public Data Access
 - Increase Availability and Accessibility of Searchable Public Data
3. In order to support the Initiative's mission to establish measurable goals for state agencies and monitor their progress, the Office of Management and Budget will:
 - Design Comprehensive Project Management Goals
 - Ensure the Adoption of Measurable Performance Goals
 - Compile and Monitor Goals, and Report Progress Periodically Online

This Order shall take effect immediately.

So Ordered:



Lincoln D. Chafee